

REMARKS

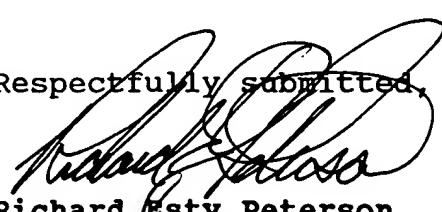
The Examiner and his Supervisor are thanked for the telephone interview on October 26, 1999 with the undersigned and Associate Attorney Guy Chambers. During that interview the substance of the filed Protest was considered in view of applicant's assertion that only a single new reference, without a corresponding reference already of record, was submitted by the Protester.

Applicant urged that examination be accelerated in view of the infringement action against Protester and the observed infringement by others requesting early issuance of pending claims deemed allowable, or the opportunity to file additional claims, if it is deemed that the prosecution remains open and a further Office Action will be considered necessary. The Examiner indicated that an early telephone response would be forthcoming responding to the interview inquiry.

In view of the Examiner's subsequent telephone response indicating further Office Action would be required, and offering an opportunity to file additional claims before or after the action, Applicant elects to submit additional claims by this Amendment.

Please enter the foregoing claims as added claims for examination. Applicant respectfully requests that this application be moved to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,


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